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SUBJECT: VIETNAM REFUGEES

1. GOA MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION MICHAEL MACKELLAR PHONED
POL COUNS TO REQUEST INFORMATION ON 27 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES
SUPPOSEDLY LOCATED IN PAKA, TRENGGANU, AT THE AUSTASIA
TIMBERS CO.

2. MRS. C. MATHER, WIFE OF AUSTASIA DIRECTOR, TOLD MACKELLAR
THAT THE 31 VIETNAMESE LANDED IN MALAYSIA IN NOVEMBER 1975
FOLLOWING 600-MILE BOAT TRIP FROM VIETNAM. REFUGEES COMPRISED
OF SIX FAMILY GROUPS. ACCORDING TO MRS. MATHER, WIVES IN THE
GROUP WERE PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED BY THE U.S. EMBASSY IN SAIGON.
THEIR HUSBANDS WERE OFFICERS IN ARVN.

3. REFUGEE MOTHER AND THREE CHILDREN REPORTEDLY AUTHORIZED
ENTRY INTO U.S. BECAUSE HUSBAND ALREADY IN U.S. AND HAVE
DEPARTED MALAYSIA. MACKELLAR AND GOA WOULD APPRECIATE
RECEIVING REPORT ON STATUS OF REMAINING 27 REFUGEES,
SPECIFICALLY WHETHER THEY ARE ENTITLED TO ENTER U.S. AS
PREVIOUS U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

4. GOA WILL NOT RPT NOT ACCEPT REFUGEES INTO AUSTRALIA.
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